

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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EXEMPTION OF IMPORT DUTY ON MAIZE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to exempt import duty on Maize;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which poultry industry is likely to benefited thereby;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to reduce the prices of maize to protect poultry sector; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)to(c): The Government of India has decided to allow import of maize under OGL at Zero duty till 31.12.2007. This will enable import of maize at a lower cost. The extent of benefit of this measure will depend on the quantum of maize actually imported by the poultry industry.

(d)&(e): The market prices of maize are not regulated by the Government.